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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The largest improvement in the printing of newspapers has been made in the use of the "15th Auditor" system. This system is now being used by the "American" and is giving it a new and improved appearance. It is a system of printing which is both economical and efficient, and it is one which is well adapted to the needs of a large newspaper.

**THE NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL UNITED**  
The ship "The Atlantic" will sail for New York on Monday, Dec. 29, at 10 o'clock. The ship "The Pacific" will sail for Liverpool on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 10 o'clock. The ship "The Atlantic" will sail for New York on Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 10 o'clock. The ship "The Pacific" will sail for Liverpool on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 10 o'clock.

**United States Agricultural Society.**  
The annual meeting of the United States Agricultural Society will be held at the National Academy of Music, on Monday, Dec. 29, at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the evening, and will be a most interesting and profitable one. The program of the meeting will include a paper on "The State of Agriculture in the United States," by Mr. J. M. Smith, and a paper on "The Future of Agriculture," by Mr. J. M. Smith.

**WEEKLY MISCELLANY OF LITERATURE AND ART.**  
No. 13.  
To a gentleman in this country, in reply to an application for an autograph, thus wrote, in 1841, Barry Cornwall (Bryan W. Proctor). The letter is very characteristic of the genial writer, a key to whose qualities as a man is furnished by the affectionate phrase often used by him in speaking of him—"Dear Barry Cornwall." To the addresser of his complete poetical works we would commend the superbly printed and illustrated volume, entitled "Dramatic Scenes and other Poems," by Barry Cornwall, recently issued in London from the press of Chapman and Hall. The closing poem in the volume, "A Farewell to Verse," is a touching and beautiful production. We make no apology for quoting it at the close of the following hitherto unpublished letter:

**THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.**  
NEW YORK.  
The annexed quotations from the democratic press of the State of New York were collected for publication yesterday morning, in connection with the selections we then laid before our readers, but the length of the congressional proceedings occasioned their postponement until to-day.

**RANKS AND BANKING.**  
To the Editor of the Union.  
Sir: I believe no doubt that the framers of the constitution intended this should be what has been called "a hard-money government." They had a recent and terrible example before them of the disastrous consequences arising from the attempt to substitute paper money for specie, and were determined, if possible, forever to prevent a resort to such fatal expedients.

**By JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.**  
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE. The property of the late John A. Harris, deceased, will be sold at public auction, on Monday, Dec. 29, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the late John A. Harris, deceased, on the corner of 10th and D streets, N.W.

**Samuel P. Hoover's Boot, Shoe, and Trunk Establishment.**  
Come and see the assortment of boots, shoes, and trunks. Samuel P. Hoover has on hand and selling of a very reduced price a large assortment of boots, shoes, and trunks. The boots and shoes are of the best quality, and the trunks are of the latest style.

**ASSASSIN'S NOTICE.**  
THE voters of the several wards will please take notice that the election for the office of Mayor and Corporation Commissioners will be held on Monday, Dec. 29, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the late John A. Harris, deceased, on the corner of 10th and D streets, N.W.

**PHOTOGRAPH OF PAINTINGS.**  
PROFESSOR J. E. CHURCHILL, Artist, respectfully requests the attention of the public to the fact that he has just received a large assortment of photographs of paintings, which he is now selling at a very reduced price.

**DIVORCE HOTEL.**  
Pennsylvania Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
This establishment is newly furnished and arranged on the most modern and improved plan, with private apartments for the accommodation of gentlemen and ladies. The hotel is situated in a quiet and comfortable location, and is well adapted for the needs of the public.

**NOTICE** is hereby given to all persons who have not paid their taxes for the year 1857, and to all who are in arrears for previous years, that at the expiration of sixty days from the date of this notice, the taxes for the year 1857, and for previous years, will be levied by the collector of taxes, and will be a lien in law against the property of the delinquent.

**WINTER ARRANGEMENT AT C. GAUTIER'S FRENCH RESTAURANT.**  
The subscriber, in order to accommodate the public, has given notice that he will furnish meals to weekly boarders at the rate of \$7 per week. The meals will be served at the restaurant, and will be of the best quality.

**TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHERS.**  
To be furnished rooms. Four parlors, with bed-rooms adjoining, with gas, etc., on Pennsylvania Avenue, No. 225, opposite Willard's Hotel, between 14th and 15th streets, N.W.

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AT THE BEST PRICES, FOREIGN BILLS OF EXCHANGE SOLD ON THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN EUROPE IN SUMS TO SUIT.

**GOLD CURRENCY AND VIRGINIA MONEY.**  
Accounts will be opened for depositors, payable in some funds or in gold, charging the current rates. Checks must be marked as cash, and must be payable to order of the bank.

**WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAY EVENING, THE 10th INST.**  
The annual meeting of the Washington Art Association will be held at the National Academy of Music, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the evening, and will be a most interesting and profitable one.

**WANTED, by a man and his wife, having no children,**  
a situation, the man a practical gardener and farmer, his wife a good plain cook, washer, and ironer, and a good dairy woman. The family is small, and the wages are good. The situation is in a quiet and comfortable location, and is well adapted for the needs of the family.

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